

**THE OFFICIAL
ELECTION
PACKET FOR
MIAMI
REGION #53'S
23RD BBG
BOARD**

A letter from your N'siah Mia Fern Szwarckopf

CONGRATULATIONS! By opening this document you have just taken your first step in running for Miami Region's 23rd BBG Board! Being on the Regional Board is a huge responsibility and commitment, but if you're willing to put in the time and effort, it is an extremely rewarding experience.

Running for Regional Board is a very big decision that should not be made without careful consideration! Please take the time to thoroughly read this election packet so that you fully understand what it means to take on such an honorable role in this organization.

When you decide to caucus for Regional Board you are also deciding to make BBYO a top priority for the next year. Before you move on, I would like you to take a minute to be completely honest and ask yourself the following questions:

- Why am I running?
- Am I able to make the time commitment?
- Do I feel I am qualified enough and ready to take on these responsibilities?
- Have I discussed with my parents what it means to be on R-Board?

If you are confident in your answers, then I am confident that you will make a fine candidate for Miami Region's 23rd BBG Board! I wish everyone the best of luck and can't wait to hear from you soon about caucusing! If you have any questions do not hesitate to text or call me at (305)-916-1044.

Respectfully submitted with undying love for the future of Miami Region #53, the 21st and 22nd Miami Regional Board, and every girl reading this who is about to make such an amazing decision to run,

I remain,

Mia Anne Fern Szwarckopf

Miami Region's Damn Proud 22nd Regional N'siah

Important Dates and Deadlines!

- March 3rd, 2026 (earlier is encouraged)

Send an email to miafern09@gmail.com and CC bberger@bbyo.org with the subject Declaration for 23rd Miami Regional Board. In the email state your name, grade, chapter, and position you wish to run for.

- Between March 4th and March 17th

You and a parent/guardian will need to reach out to Regional Director (Brooke Berger) and me (Mia) to set up a time to meet and discuss the responsibilities of being on Regional Board and any further questions you or your parent/guardian may have during this period.

- After the parents meeting (Due the 17th)

Email miafern09@gmail.com and CC bberger@bbyo.org your self-evaluation questions (for approval - does not need to be printed).

- March 22nd, 2026 (earlier is encouraged)

Email miafern09@gmail.com and CC bberger@bbyo.org your vision statements and headshots (for approval - does not need to be printed).

- April 11th, 2026 (earlier is encouraged)

Email miafern09@gmail.com and CC bberger@bbyo.org your Official Caucus Form with Parent Signature and Final Copy of Platform (for approval - does not need to be printed).

- April 19th, 2026

ELECTIONS!

All these tasks must be completed in order for you to be officially recognized as a caucused candidate for the 23rd Regional Board. If you have a problem meeting any of these deadlines, please let Mia or Brooke know immediately. Remember, Regional Board is a significant commitment, and inability to meet these deadlines should urge you to think twice about running. In Addition, Regional Presidents MUST ATTEND Regional Execs August 14-18. This does coincide with the first days of school for Miami-Dade County

Regional N'siah Responsibilities

- Preside over all meetings of the Regional Body and the Full Executive Board
- Be an automatic member of all committees
- Attend international elections
- Appoint chair-women
- Oversee Regional programs and assist coordinators in their work
- Chapter visits
- Represent Miami Region BBG at all International functions, including International Convention and The International Executive Conference
- Work closely with chapter counterparts to assess individual areas in need of improvement
- Stay on top of Regional and Chapter counterparts to make sure everyone is doing their part and be able to step in in the event that someone is not

The responsibilities of a Regional N'siah constantly change to fit the region's needs. Her most important role is that of a leader who guides our movement in the right direction to ensure success throughout the region. I could sit here and bullet a million things that Regional N'siahs have been responsible for in the past, but the list has no limits. This is not to discourage you from running for this position, but rather to suggest that if elected Miami Region's 23rd Ever Regional N'siah, you will have the ability to inspire those around you by transforming this position into exactly what the region needs it to be. Sometimes being Regional N'siah means making the hard decisions, even if that also means going against your friends. When making these tough choices, you must look at the bigger picture and choose what is right, even if it isn't what's popular.

Regional S'ganit Responsibilities

- Assume the duties of the Regional N'siah in her absence
- Promote **quality** programming in all chapters
- Promote all regional and international programs, events, and initiatives
- Oversee chapter and regional programming
- Attend international elections
- Be an aid to chapters and provide them with programming resources
- Assist all standing and appointed committee chairwomen in carrying out their responsibilities
- Promote and assist with Kickoff 2026 and coordinate Regional Convention throughout 2026-2027

The role of the S'ganit is first and foremost to oversee programming across the region in order to guarantee each chapter is putting forth their best effort to create meaningful experiences for its members. Coordinating Regional Convention is just the cherry on top. Planning a convention, although extremely rewarding, is no small feat, so please keep that in mind when running for this position. Being Regional

S'ganit requires a lot of hands-on communication between you and your counterparts. You must stay on top of your peers because BBYO wouldn't be what it is today without the success it has had through teen-led programs. S'ganits strive to motivate chapter boards to create programs that foster the development of leadership skills, sisterhood, Jewish identification, and more. Being Regional S'ganit is a much larger responsibility than just planning regional events; it requires you to set the bar for programming throughout our chapters and lend a helping hand to boards struggling to meet these expectations. If you are considering running for this position, I would like you to not only think about how you can help make a positive impact on our region through programming tools and advice, but also if you are able to dedicate the time to create that impact.

Regional Aym Ha'Chaverot Responsibilities

- Steer regional recruitment, retention, and re-education efforts
- Emphasize the importance of summer programs and push registration
- Attend international elections
- Assist chapter morim with developing tools to educate their chapters
- Provide programming resources to chapters
- Chapter visits
- Oversee chapter and regional membership goals
- Aid in the formation of new chapters

* Coordinating convention is not guaranteed and selection is based on performance and fulfillment of job responsibilities.

The Regional Aym-HaChaverot is one of the main people responsible for building a strong foundation for our region. Her job is primarily to make sure all new members are well educated about the history of our movement in order to inspire the future of it. We have such a rich past that is filled with so many incredible achievements worth celebrating. These moments should be used to motivate new and old members alike, and **MIT/AIT** is your chance to do just that. Coordinating MIT/AIT is an exciting part of this position, however, do not take the amount of time and effort required to plan such an event for granted. Additionally, as Regional MIT Mom it is in your best interest to promote summer programs such as CLTC and ILTC whose main agendas are to educate our members. The Regional Morim are furthermore the point people when it comes to membership. You will establish the strategy and pace at which our movement grows and strengthens. If we don't have members, and we don't have a solid foundation, we don't have a powerful region.

Regional Mazkirah Responsibilities

- Record minutes at all meetings of the Regional Body and the Executive Board
- Serve as BBG editor of any and all regional newsletters
- Maintain the region's social media accounts
- Attend international elections

- Assist chapters with the publication of newsletters, calendars, and other forms of chapter communication
- Keep the region well informed about upcoming events regionally and internationally

The Regional Mazkirah is the lifeline of the region. She facilitates the flow of communication from the International order all the way down to the general member. However, she does not stop at keeping the members and their parents informed. The Mazkirah also has the duty of making sure her chapter counterparts are taking the necessary steps to promote their chapter and its events so that old members, new members, and prospective members, aren't left out of the loop. On top of this, you must be prepared to handle the region's social media accounts. Furthermore, Mazkirim are in charge of globalization efforts. The International Order is now present in almost every state and over 62+ countries. As Regional Mazkirah you will have the ability to foster a connection between Miami Region and Jewish teens across the globe. Cuba has recently been introduced to our order, and as Regional Mazkirah you can find ways to have Miami make them feel welcomed and show support.

Regional Sh'lichah Responsibilities

- Head all community service and social action events and oversee such programming on the chapter level
- Attend international elections
- Support international initiatives such as Global Shabbat, SpeakUp, StandUp Causes, JServe, etc.
- Oversee both regional and chapter stand-up causes
- Aid in planning global shabbat
- Work with chapter counterparts to ensure Jewish culture, history, and values are well represented within chapter programming

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The duties of a Regional Sh'lichah more or less fall under three categories: Judaism, community service, and Israel advocacy. The one thing that links every BBG and Aleph in our order together is the fact that we are all Jewish. As Regional Sh'lichah, you have the ability to remind everyone of this underlying truth through regional programming and encouraging chapter counterparts to follow suit. As for community service, you will be responsible for organizing ways that Miami Region can give back. We have the resources necessary to leave a positive impact on our community, and you will get to decide how we use them. When it comes to Israel, there is so much going on at the moment and so much we can do. It is the role of the Sh'lichim not only to remind us of our homeland's history, but also to keep us informed about current events and how we can show support.

Regional Gizborit Responsibilities

- Support BBYO Globalization efforts

- Organize regional fundraising events
- Design and produce regional apparel and sales
- Attend international elections
- Oversee chapter fundraising efforts
- Assist the region in raising money for ISF

The Regional Gizborit makes us look good without making us break the bank. Branding is crucial to the expansion of our movement and it is your job to market for Miami Region. Whether that be through apparel, accessories, or something completely out of the box is completely up to you. Budgeting these sales on the regional level, as well as overseeing them on the chapter level, is a very important task. Verifying that all fundraisers produce sufficient profits, are appropriate, and represent the region well ensures that chapters won't end up in debt or create a bad rep for Miami Region. Fundraising on the regional level can vary from donating to charity to building up scholarship funds for conventions. Formerly known as the International Scholarship Fund, the ISF used to comprise of money raised by North American regions to send international teens to programs like CLTC, IC, and ILTC. Now the ISF, or International Service Fund, uses the money towards teens in North America, too. The amount of money a region raises for charity and other areas is added to its ISF dollar amount, however the money will still go where it was intended to go. I am taking the time to explain ISF because it is a vital element of the Gizborim's responsibilities.

Regional Board Responsibilities

The responsibilities of ALL Regional Board positions include but are not limited to the following:

- Working closely with chapter counterparts to assess problems, implement strategies to fix them, and follow up with their progress
- Correspond with AZA counterpart in order to work as a cohesive unit and focus on similar goals
- Cooperate with staff and International counterparts
- Work to promote and further international/regional initiatives
- Attend ALL regional and chapter events
- Attend ALL regional board meetings
- If able to attend International Convention 2027, fulfill your duties as a regional delegate
- Present yourself as a role model at all times
- Represent Miami Region BBYO in a positive manner

- Uphold BBYO policy as stated in the BBYO Code of Conduct
- Promote BBYO at all times – it is your responsibility to positively promote summer programs, regional events, international convention, and chapter events.
- Maintaining a positive attitude
- Attend events hosted by Miami Jewish Federation or other partner organizations. Events include but are not limited to: J-serve, Super Sunday, etc.

Being on Regional Board comes with a lot of responsibilities, but it also comes with a lot of perks. The opportunities that present themselves for you to achieve greatness are everywhere and you will be in a position that allows you to do just that. You will also be the face of Miami Region. Every single younger member will look up to you, so don't take that for granted. Be mindful of how you act inside and outside of BBYO, especially what you post on social media, because Regional Board members serve as role models.

[Leading by example is one of the most important aspects of your job.]

Platform Rules and Regulations

Each caucused candidate is allowed to distribute copies of their platform at elections. Platforms may only be passed out once they have been pre-approved by the Regional N'siah, and once they meet all of the following rules and regulations. The reasons for these rules are so that all those involved in elections may have a fair chance to be elected. If you would like copies of platforms from previous years to use as examples, simply ask and a variety will be provided for your viewing pleasure.

- The platform may only consist of one sheet of 8 1/2 " by 11" paper.
- Paper may be one solid color with black ink OR white paper with color ink. If using white paper and colored ink only TWO colors are permitted.
- The weight of the paper may not exceed 80-pound press.
- ONE Adhesive is permitted (i.e. glue, tape, staples)
- The platform may be folded or cut in any way you wish, but the original paper size may not exceed 8 1/2 " by 11".
- The platform may be printed on both sides.
- Bullets and symbols are allowed; however, I have the right to ask you to remove them if I deem them to not conform to the platform rules. Please use your discretion.
- You may not have your platforms professionally designed. In short, you may have others help you; however, if you pay someone to make yours, you will not be able to use them.
- You may, and are encouraged to, sign your platform.
- A candidate may write whatever she wishes on her platform. (i.e. Qualifications, Goals, Quotes, Ideas, etc.) However, any and all information on the platform must be true.

NOTE

- Under no circumstances will anything but a platform be handed out at elections. This includes candy, money, and any other item.
- Props may not be used!
- The BBYO website has many logos that you can download. The site can be found at <http://www.bbyo.org>.
- Your platform must be approved by the deadline. Any platforms not approved by myself will not be allowed into the room. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**

Election Day

(The elections of the 23rd Miami Regional Board will be held on Sunday April 19th, 2026)

The election of officers will proceed as follows with these designated speaking times:

1. Miami Region N'siah - 5 minutes
2. Miami Region S'ganit - 4 minutes
3. Miami Region Aym Ha'Chaverot - 4 minutes
4. Miami Region Mazkirah - 4 minutes
5. Miami Region Sh'lichah - 4 minutes
6. Miami Region Gizborit - 4 minutes

The election procedure will be as follows for each position:

Declarations→Meet the Candidates→Nominations→Speeches→Voting→Presentation of New Officer!

Note: **Running off the floor is not permitted** unless there is an **open position and/or you have previously caucused for a different position on regional board**. Candidates running off the floor will have 1 minute to speak about qualifications **ONLY** with no adjectives regarding their qualifications. Additionally, One Slide will be permitted, and you do not have to declare what position they are sliding to..

****All sliding or drop-down candidates have 1 minute to speak about anything they wish.**

You may only slide to one other position.

All candidates are encouraged to dress in appropriate attire, which may include a dress, skirt and top, dress pants, etc.

Vision Statements

The purpose of the vision statement is for you, as a candidate, to share your ideas and vision for the 2026-2027 year with the region!

- In your vision statement, please include your name, the board position you are running for, and how you would like to make a difference in the region next year.
- Please keep it relevant and discuss only BBYO and how you will impact Miami BBYO as whatever you are running for. Please limit this to 250 words. **VISION STATEMENTS THAT EXCEED THE 250 WORD LIMIT WILL NOT BE POSTED.**
- Also, please do not have someone else write your vision statement for you. Do not share your vision statement with anyone else.
- Send it to miafern09@gmail.com and bberger@bbyo.org by the deadline listed above or earlier!

Politicking

To be honest, if you are considering running for regional board, I should not have to explain politicking to you. You are aspiring to be a top leader in Miami Region, and **politicking by default makes you unqualified to serve**. You may only discuss your candidacy with your parents, Brooke and me. Discussing your candidacy with Alephs is also not a good idea. If you have any hesitations about something being considered politicking, it probably is, and you should be safe and avoid it.

If you are caught politicking, your caucus will be dropped immediately or minutes will be cut off your speaking time, and you will not be permitted to run. Being a regional board member means having integrity and acting ethically. Remember to respect yourself and other candidates before, during, and after the entire election process. Remember -- WE'RE ALL SISTERS.

Miami Region #53 Of the International Order of the B'nai B'rith Girls of BBYO

OFFICIAL CAUCUSING RECOGNITION FORM

I, _____, hereby declare my candidacy for the 2026-2027 Term Miami Region BBG Executive Board.

I am declaring candidacy for the position of

(Please Highlight/Circle One of the Following:)

N'siah S'ganit Aym Ha'Chaverot Mazkirah Sh'lichah Gizborit

I understand that if elected to the position above, I must serve Miami Region and the International Order to the utmost of my ability. I also understand the responsibility required to hold a position on The Executive Board, I am fully aware of the duties of the position I am running for, and I am ready to carry them out in full. I further understand that I am bound by all BBYO policies and regulations and will serve the position with utmost dedication, responsibility, and conduct. I also understand that if not elected, I have the option to "slide" to the election of a subsequent position or be nominated for another election a maximum of one time, or drop out of the election process. At which time I will seek other opportunities to serve Miami Region and the B'nai B'rith Girls. I will not become frustrated but will instead learn from my experience.

X _____
(Candidate's Signature)

I understand the time, commitment, and integrity that my daughter will put forth in the following year on Miami Region BBG Executive Board should she be elected, and I hereby approve of her running.

X _____
(Parent's Signature)